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**Service of Process
Transmittal**

01/05/2022

CT Log Number 540837506

TO: Donna Shavers
Albertson's LLC
PO BOX 160066, 321 MONTGOMERY RD
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32716-0066

RE: Process Served in Nevada

FOR: Albertson's LLC (Domestic State: DE)

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TITLE OF ACTION: Re: Allyson Black, Individually // To: Albertson's LLC

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: -

COURT/AGENCY: None Specified
Case # A21843981C

NATURE OF ACTION: Personal Injury - Slip/Trip and Fall

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Carson City, NV

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 01/05/2022 at 13:44

JURISDICTION SERVED : Nevada

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: None Specified

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): None Specified

ACTION ITEMS: CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 01/05/2022, Expected Purge Date: 01/10/2022

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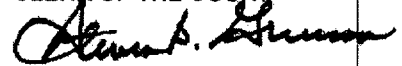
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1 SUMM

2 DISTRICT COURT
3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

4 ALLYSON BLACK, individually;

CASE NO.: A-21-843981-C

DEPT. NO.: 25

5 Plaintiff,

6 vs.

SUMMONS

7 ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a
8 VONS, a Foreign Corporation;
9 ALBERTSON'S, LLC, a Foreign Limited
10 Liability Company; DOE EMPLOYEE,
11 individually; DOE MANAGER,
12 individually; DOES I – XX, inclusive; and
13 ROE CORPORATIONS I – XX, inclusive,

14 Defendants.

15 **NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT**
16 **YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE**
17 **INFORMATION BELOW.**

18 **TO THE DEFENDANT:** A civil Complaint has been filed by the plaintiff against you for the relief set
19 forth in the Complaint.

20 **ALBERTSON'S, LLC**
21 **c/o C T Corporation System, Registered Agent**
22 **701 S. Carson St., Suite 200**
23 **Carson City, NV 89701**

- 24 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you exclusive of
25 the day of service, you must do the following:
 - 26 a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to
27 the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court.
 - 28 b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the plaintiff and this Court may
enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of
money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your
response may be filed on time.

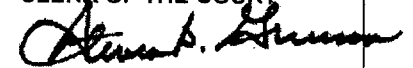
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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ALLYSON BLACK, individually;

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a
VONS, a Foreign Corporation; ALBERTSON'S,
LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; DOE
EMPLOYEE, individually; DOE MANAGER,
individually; DOES I – XX, inclusive; and ROE
CORPORATIONS I – XX, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.:

DEPT. NO.:

**COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR
JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, ALLYSON BLACK, by and through her attorneys of record, BRADLEY S. MAINOR, ESQ., JOSEPH J. WIRTH, ESQ., ASH MARIE BLACKBURN, ESQ., and JOSEPH W. GUINDY, ESQ. of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP, hereby complains and alleges against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

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I.

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. Plaintiff ALLYSON BLACK (hereinafter "BLACK") is, and at all relevant times herein was, a resident of Clark County, State of Nevada.

2. Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a VONS (hereinafter "ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES") is, and at all relevant times herein was, a foreign corporation duly licensed and doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada.

3. Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that Defendant ALBERTSON'S, LLC (hereinafter "ALBERTSON'S") is, and at all relevant times herein was, a foreign limited liability company duly licensed and doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada.

4. Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that Defendant DOE EMPLOYEE is, and at all relevant times herein was, a resident of the County of Clark, State of Nevada. Upon information and belief, DOE EMPLOYEE was acting in the course and scope of his/her employment with Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S with job duties and responsibilities that included, but were not limited to: cleaning, maintaining, sweeping, and stocking the area where Plaintiff slipped and fell; and staying reasonably and adequately informed and updated about Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S safety measures and precautions, as well as any ongoing actual and potential hazards in and around the area where Plaintiff fell, in order to promptly address and remedy any debris, spills, and/or hazards that could cause injury. Defendant DOE EMPLOYEE held this position and these job duties and responsibilities with the knowledge and consent at the direction of Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S at the time of the subject incident leading to Plaintiff's injuries, so that Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S is vicariously liable for Defendant DOE EMPLOYEE's actions and omissions at all relevant times under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

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1 5. Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that Defendant DOE
2 MANAGER is, and at all relevant times herein was, a resident of the County of Clark, State of
3 Nevada. Upon information and belief, DOE MANAGER was acting in the course and scope of
4 his/her employment with Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S, with
5 job duties and responsibilities that included, but were not limited to: being an assistant manager,
6 department manager, and/or other type of supervising/managing employee or agent of Defendant
7 ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S; cleaning, maintaining, sweeping, and
8 stocking the area of ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S assigned to him/her,
9 which included the area where Plaintiff slipped and fell; overseeing, supervising, and providing
10 training and/or direction to Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S
11 employees in the subject area to ensure that employees were performing their job duties and
12 responsibilities as to cleaning, sweeps, maintenance, stocking products, and other duties in an
13 appropriate, reasonable, and safe manner for ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or
14 ALBERTSON'S customers and the employees themselves; enforcing and ensuring compliance
15 with Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S policies and procedures
16 regarding cleaning, maintenances, sweeps, stocking products, and safety measures and precautions
17 in and around the area where Plaintiff slipped and fell, as well as disciplining employees for non-
18 compliance and violations of Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S
19 policies and procedures, and for not performing job duties and responsibilities; assigning a
20 reasonable and adequate number of employees to keep the area where Plaintiff fell in clean,
21 stocked, and safely maintained; staying reasonably and adequately informed and updated about
22 Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or ALBERTSON'S safety measures and
23 precautions, as well as any ongoing actual and potential hazards in and around the area where
24 Plaintiff fell, in order to promptly address and remedy any debris, spills, and/or hazards that could
25 cause injury; and performing this job position, duties and responsibilities, *infra*, with the
26 knowledge and consent and at the direction of Defendant ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES and/or
27 ALBERTSON'S at the time of the subject incident leading to Plaintiff's injuries, so that Defendant
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1 ALBERTSONS COMAPNIES and/or ALBERTSON'S is vicariously liable for DOE
2 MANAGER's actions and omissions at all times under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

3 6. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associates, co-
4 partnership, or otherwise of Defendants, DOES I through XX, and ROE CORPORATIONS I
5 through XX, are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names.
6 Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that each of the Defendants designated
7 as DOES I through XX and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX are responsible in some
8 manner for the events and happenings referred to in this action and proximately caused damages to
9 Plaintiff as alleged herein. The legal responsibility of said Defendants DOES I through XX and
10 ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX arises out of, but is not limited to, their status as owners,
11 employees, managers, contractors, and/or installers, etc. and their maintenance, entrustment,
12 construction, installation, and/or service of the premises and/or the subject flooring within the
13 premises, which Defendants, and each of them, were maintaining, controlling, constructing,
14 installing, etc. at the time of the subject injury, or prior to, and/or their agency, master/servant or
15 joint venture relationship with said Defendants. Plaintiff will ask leave of this Honorable Court to
16 amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of said Defendants, and when the
17 same have been ascertained, to join such Defendants in this action together with the proper
18 charging allegations.

19 7. Based upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereby alleges that at all relevant
20 times, each of the Defendants, including such fictitiously named Defendants, were the agents and
21 employees of each of the remaining Defendants and were at all times mentioned, acting within the
22 course and scope of that agency and employment. Each of the Defendants authorized and ratified
23 the acts of the remaining Defendants.

24 8. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for causing and/or contributing to the
25 creation of the subject dangerous condition, to wit: a foreign substance on Defendants' floor, and
26 for causing and/or contributing to Plaintiff's injuries, treatment, and damages pursuant to NRS
27 41.130 and other Nevada law.

II.

10. On or about December 8, 2019, Defendants ALBERTSONS COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a VONS, ALBERTSON'S LLC, DOE EMPLOYEE, DOE MANAGER, DOES I through XX, and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX were the owners and/or operators of a certain Vons grocery store, located at 45 E. Horizon Ridge Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89002 (hereinafter "the subject premises").

12. On or about December 8, 2019, Plaintiff BLACK entered the subject premises and proceeded through the deli section in the front left area of the grocery store. As Plaintiff BLACK walked past the free-standing cooler with cheese, she slipped on an unknown liquid substance and fell to the ground, landing on her right knee.

14. The dangerous condition on the premises caused Plaintiff BLACK to slip and fall to the ground.

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III.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence/Respondeat Superior as to all Defendants)

16. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 15 above as if fully set forth herein.

17. At said time and place, Defendants, and each of them, owed a duty to Plaintiff to provide a safe environment and premises, and to take reasonable safety measures in the cleaning, sweeping, maintenance, stocking, and overall conditions of the floor, equipment displays, products, and general area in and around the subject location of Plaintiff's slip and fall to avoid injuries to Plaintiff.

18. Defendants breached that duty when they negligently and/or knowingly failed to clean, sweep, and/or maintain the floors, displays, premises, and overall area in and around the deli department and location of the subject incident, and/or negligently stocked the shelves, coolers and/or other containers so as to create a hazardous condition in and around the area of the subject incident, which caused injury to Plaintiff.

19. In complete disregard of their duty, Defendants negligently and/or knowingly caused a dangerous condition to exist, resulting in injury to Plaintiff.

20. Furthermore, at all times relevant herein, Defendants were liable for the negligent acts of its agents/employees, who failed to clean, sweep, and/or maintain the floors, displays, premises, and overall area in and around the deli department and location of the subject incident, and/or negligently stock the shelves, coolers and/or other containers so as to create a hazardous condition in and around the area of the subject incident, under the legal doctrine of vicarious liability/respondent superior.

21. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff BLACK was seriously injured and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all or some of which may be permanent and disabling in nature, aggravating to her general and compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

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22. As a further and direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff BLACK incurred expenses for medical care, treatment and expenses incidental thereto, and Plaintiff may be required in the future to incur expenses for medical care and treatment.

23. Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP to prosecute this action and is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein.

IV.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Premises Liability as to Defendants ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES, ALBERTSON'S, DOES I through XX and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX)

24. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 23 above as if fully set forth herein.

25. On or about December 8, 2019, it was the duty of Defendants ALBERTSON'S COMPANIES, ALBERTSON'S, DOES I through XX and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX to use reasonable care and diligence to keep and maintain the subject premises in a condition reasonably safe for its intended use and free from all defects and conditions that would render it dangerous and unsafe for Plaintiff BLACK or present an unreasonable risk of harm during her lawful use of the subject premises.

26. It was the duty of Defendants to exercise reasonable care to protect Plaintiff BLACK by inspection and other affirmative acts from the danger of reasonably foreseeable injury occurring from her lawful use of the subject premises.

27. It was the duty of Defendants to have available sufficient personnel and equipment to properly inspect and maintain the flooring of the subject premises so as to keep it in a condition reasonably safe for Plaintiff BLACK and free from defects and other conditions rendering it unsafe.

28. It was the duty of Defendants to warn Plaintiff BLACK of the dangerous and unsafe condition then existing upon the subject premises.

29. Defendants breached their duty by negligently failing to control, supervise, repair,

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1 clean, and maintain the subject premises and further failing to warn Plaintiff BLACK of hazards
 2 which resulted in her injury.

3 30. The resulting injuries to Plaintiff BLACK were caused by the negligence and
 4 carelessness of Defendants, who failed to utilize reasonable care in the inspection and/or
 5 maintenance of the subject premises, and the aforesaid acts of negligence were the proximate cause
 6 of the injuries sustained by Plaintiff.

7 31. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of
 8 them, Plaintiff BLACK was seriously injured and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all
 9 or some of which may be permanent and disabling in nature, aggravating to her general and
 10 compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

11 32. As a further and direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and
 12 each of them, Plaintiff BLACK incurred expenses for medical care, treatment and expenses
 13 incidental thereto, and Plaintiff may be required in the future to incur expenses for medical care
 14 and treatment.

15 33. Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP to
 16 prosecute this action and is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein.

17 IV.

18 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

19 *(Negligent Hiring, Training, Retention and Supervision as to*
 20 *all Defendants)*

21 34. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference Paragraphs I through 33
 22 above as if fully set forth herein.

23 35. Defendants ALBERTSONS COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a VONS, ALBERTSON'S,
 24 DOES I through XX and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX owed Plaintiff a duty to utilize
 25 reasonable application, screening, and hiring processes for all its employees to perform the
 26 necessary job functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

27 36. Defendants breached their duty by failing to utilize reasonable application,
 28 screening, and hiring processes for its employees and such breach resulted in Defendants

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1 employing individuals without the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to ensure that safety
2 measures were in place to protect its patrons.

3 37. Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to reasonably train their employees to perform
4 the necessary job functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

5 38. Defendants breached their duty to reasonably train their employees to perform the
6 necessary job functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

7 39. Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to reasonably supervise their employees to
8 perform the necessary job functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its
9 patrons.

10 40. Defendants breached their duty to reasonably supervise their employees to perform
11 the necessary job functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

12 41. Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to discharge or terminate their employee(s), who
13 Defendants knew or reasonably should have known, was/were unfit to perform the necessary job
14 functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

15 42. Defendants breached their duty to discharge or terminate their employee(s), who
16 Defendants knew or reasonably should have known, was/were unfit to perform the necessary job
17 functions and ensure that safety measures were in place to protect its patrons.

18 43. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and each of
19 them, Plaintiff BLACK was seriously injured and caused to suffer great pain of body and mind, all
20 or some of which may be permanent and disabling in nature, aggravating to her general and
21 compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

22 44. As a further and direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendants, and
23 each of them, Plaintiff BLACK incurred expenses for medical care, treatment and expenses
24 incidental thereto, and Plaintiff may be required in the future to incur expenses for medical care
25 and treatment

26 45. Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of MAINOR WIRTH, LLP to
27 prosecute this action and is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein.
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V.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. General and compensatory damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);
2. Special damages in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);
3. Damages for cost of medical care and treatment and costs incidental thereto;
4. Lost wages and loss of earning capacity;
5. For reasonable attorney fees, costs of suit and interest incurred herein; and
6. For such other and relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2021.

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